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Docket No. K20606 US (C038435/0173527)

**REPLY UNDER
37 CFR § 1.116**

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hans-Peter HOHMANN *et al.*) Examiner: Chih Min Kam
Serial No.: 10/681,086) Art Unit: 1656
Filed: October 8, 2003)
For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A
TARGET FERMENTATION
PRODUCT**)

New York, New York
February 26, 2007

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 INCLUDING
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before February

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Reply to Office Action of: September 26, 2006

26, 2007. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Because the Office Action made the rejection of the pending claims final, consideration of this response pursuant to the expedited procedure for response after final rejection set forth in MPEP § 714.13 (8th Ed., Rev. 5, Aug. 2006, pp. 700-261 to 700-262) respectfully is solicited.

Please amend the application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this Response, and contain a complete listing of the claims as required.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this Response.

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